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Dear Mr Jaffe,

I am writing to you in response to an article I recently read about the production of eggs in our country. I'm sure, like many consumers, I simply go to the grocery store and pick up a dozen of nicely cartooned Large Grade A eggs.

I was disgusted and saddened when I found out that the living conditions that hens must live through to produce such a egg quantity. The torture, pain and inhumane treatment we put hens and chickens through is unbelievable.

I will never buy "caged hen" eggs ever again. I can't believe that decision-makers such as yourself allow such cruelty to exist. We can find ways to produce eggs and not force animals to suffer. I know it's probably more "profitable" to torture the hens. but we are smarter animals then they are...can't we care for them and give them a little respect for working their whole lives for our needs?

I urge you....please go see with your own eyes, some of the pain force-molting hens endure!!!! Then go back to your desk and make decisions.

Please, please, please, help stop our cruelty to hens. Stop forced molting and small cages where they can't ever move. You are given the authority to be so very influential...please help the hens that do nothing but live to feed us!!!

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